BEACH WATCH 2.0

System User Manual

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View the System

Log In

The system is password protected; only the authorized user with a valid username and password can log into the system. Navigate to the URL below and provide your given username and password.

URL: testbeachwatch.waterboards.ca.gov



California Beach Water Quality Background Information

One of California's biggest industries is tourism, and beaches are a significant tourist attraction as well as being an integral part of California's culture and economy. Beaches, or more precisely the ocean waters adjacent to the beach, must be safe for swimming and other recreational use. When certain bacteria are present in sufficient concentrations, they pose a health hazard for swimming. County health officers issue various types of warnings when certain kinds of bacteria are found in the water at levels that exceed standards set by the Department of Health Services (DHS). These indicator bacteria imply the potential presence of microscopic disease-causing organisms originating from human and animal wastes. Not only does beach contamination pose real health risks to beach goers, the negative publicity that comes with postings and closures undermines the tourism industry.

In California there are four types of warnings about beach water conditions: postings, closures, rain advisories, and permanent postings. Postings are the most common type of warning. Postings are triggered when a water sample fails to meet the DHS' Ocean Water-Contact Sports Standard (California Health and Safety Code Sections 115875-115915). A beach posting is a warning to the public that the bacteria levels in the beach water may cause illness, and local health officers are recommending to the public to stay out of the water in areas where the signs are visible. The most common cause of postings is the dry weather discharge of urban runoff from storm drain systems.

A beach closure is a notice to the public that there has been a sewage discharge that is affecting the beach area. Closures are put in place immediately after a sewage spill is reported that may affect the beach. The closed beach area will be reopened when water samples meet standards. Because closures represent a definite health risk and postings indicate a potential risk, they are tracked separately.

Rain advisories are pre-emptive warnings that people should avoid swimming in ocean waters during a rain event and for three days after rainfall ceases.

Rainwater often carries large amounts of bacteria from a variety of sources to the ocean. Rain advisories are issued via county hotlines, newspapers, and radio,

Permanent postings are sites where urban runoff discharges to the beach even during the dry season, and historic data shows that the beach water near the discharge point generally contains elevated bacteria levels.

The Water Board displays the closure and posting data submitted from the County Health Officers on its web site monthly. The Water Board also compiles the information into an annual report. These reports, available on the Water Board's web site at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/beaches/beach_surveys/, provide additional data on sources of pollution, testing methods, and causes of beach posting and closures.

You have been logged out.				
Username	Passwor	d	Keep me logged in (for 2 weeks)	Log in
I forgot my passi	word			

Keep an Active Session

Select the checkbox, if the user wishes to stay logged into the system for two weeks.



Retrieve Password

If the user forgets their password, simply click on the "I forgot my password" link to reset the password.



Log Out

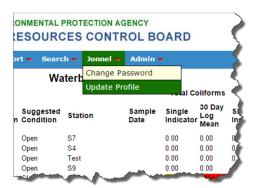
To log out of the system, simply click on the "**Logout**" link. All session variables will be destroyed, and it will require users to log into the system with their valid username and password.



Manage User Information

Users have the ability to set defaults for the sampling results and edit their profile.

Set User Defaults



Click on "Edit Defaults" button, if you wish to change your defaults.

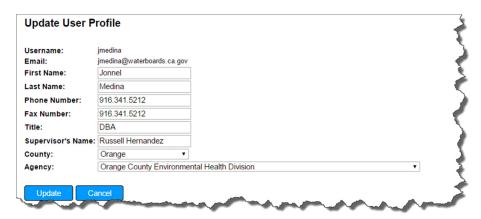


Click "Update" to save the changes, or "Cancel" to return to previous page.

Change User Profile Information



Click on "Edit" button, if you wish to update your user profile.

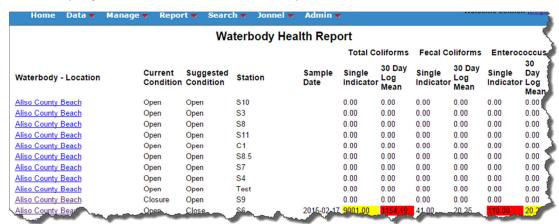


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Manage Water Body Information

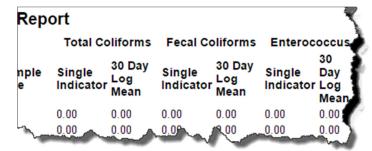
Introduction

Once the user logs into the system, the user is redirected to the "Water Body Health Report" screen. This screen lists all of the sampling locations within the user's county.



Geometric Mean Calculation

The system automatically calculates the Geometric Mean based on all of the samples taken in the last 30 days. This is then grouped by the different bacteria parameters, as seen on the figure below.



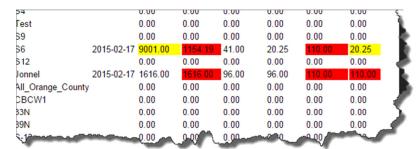
Suggested Condition Determination

The system automatically gives a recommendation to "Close" or "Open" the beach, based on the exceedance of the standard limits set.



Exceedance Indicator

The system automatically highlights a sample that exceeds or near exceedance of the standard limits set for both single sample and Geometric Mean samples.

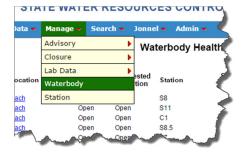


Red means the sample result exceeds the set standard limit of the parameter.

Yellow means the sample result is near exceedance based on the set configuration by the State Beach Administrator.

Edit Water Body Information

To edit a water body, navigate to **Manage > Water Body**. This will display all of the water bodies in the county. Click on the "**Water Body Name**" link to edit the water body information.



Click "Update" to save the changes, or "Cancel" to return to previous page.

Add a New Water Body

To add a new water body, navigate to **Data > Add Water Body.** A blank form will be presented with required fields to be completed.



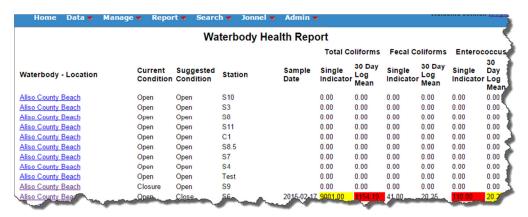
Click "Add" to save the new water body, or "Cancel" to return to previous page.

Manage Sampling Locations

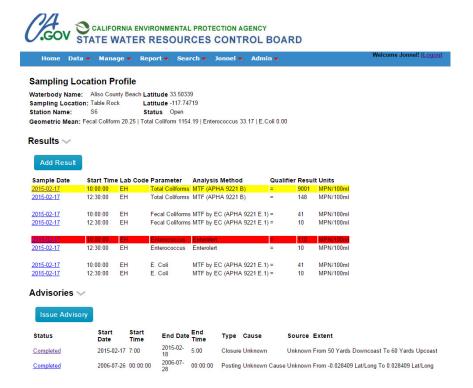
Each sampling locations can be manage from the "Water Body Health Report" screen.

View Sampling Location Details

By clicking on the "Water Body - Location" link,



the page will be redirected to the sampling location profile shown below.



Geometric Mean Calculation

The system automatically calculates the Geometric Mean, based on all of the samples taken in the last 30 days. This is then grouped by the different bacteria parameters, as seen in the figure below.



Edit Sampling Location Information

To edit a sampling location, navigate to **Manage > Station**. This will display all of the stations in the county. Click on the "**Station Name**" link to edit the station information.



Click "Update" to save the changes, or "Cancel" to return to previous page.

Add a New Sampling Location

To add a new sampling location, navigate to **Data > Add Station.** A blank form will be presented with the required fields to be completed.

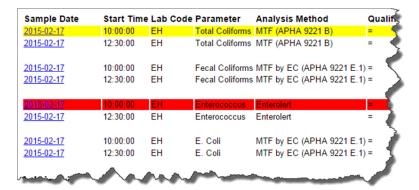


Click "Add" to save the new station, or "Cancel" to return to previous page.

Manage Sample Results

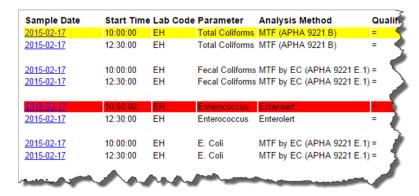
View Sampling Location Results

The system displays all of the samples taken in the last 30 days, which is the same sample used to calculate the Geometric Mean of the parameters.



Exceedance Indicator

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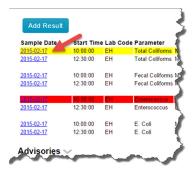


Red means the sample result exceeds the set standard limit of the parameter.

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Edit Sampling Results

To edit sampling results, simply click on "Sample Date" of the result.



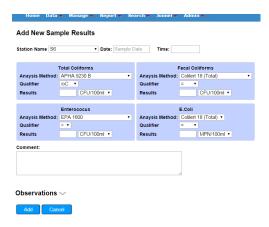
Click the "Submit" button to save the changes.



Individually Adding New Sampling Results

To add a new sampling result, simply click on the "Add Result" button.

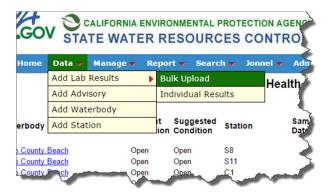
- The Station Name will be automatically selected.
- Sample date can be entered by selected a date from the calendar.
- Sample time must be entered.
- User defaults are then loaded to the entry form.



Click the "Add" button to save the data.

Bulk Upload New Sampling Results

To add a bulk dataset using the template, navigate to Data > Add Lab Results > Bulk Upload



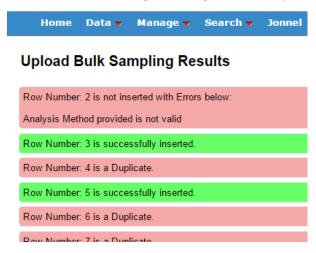
Using the template provided, please select the location of the template with the bulk data by clicking on the "Choose File" button.



Once complete click on "Upload" button. The system will automatically validate for:

- Duplicates, based on sampling location, parameter, and sample date.
- Required fields
- Valid Analysis Method, Unit, Qualifier, and Station Code

A detailed error message will be given of the specific row of the error and invalid data.

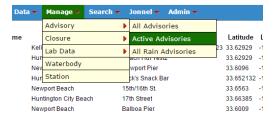


Manage Advisories

View all Active Advisories

To view all Active Advisories, navigate to Manage > Advisories > Active Advisories





Edit Feature is also available from this view. Click on the "Station Name" to edit the advisory selected.

View all Active Rain Advisories

To view all Rain Advisories, navigate to Manage > Advisories > All Rain Advisories

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Edit Feature is also available from this view. Click on the "Station Name" to edit the advisory selected.

View all Active Closures

To view all Active Closure Advisories, navigate to Manage > Closure > Active Closure

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Edit Feature is also available from this view. Click on the "Station Name" to edit the advisory selected.

View all Closure Advisories

To view all Closure Advisories, navigate to Manage > Closure > All Closures

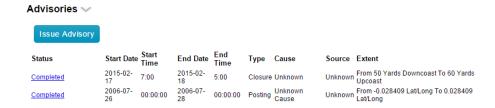
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Edit Feature is also available from this view. Click on the "Station Name" to edit the advisory selected.

View Sampling Location Advisories

The system displays all active and completed advisories associated with the sampling location.



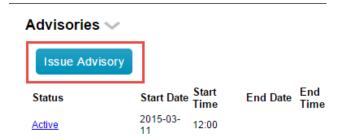
Advisory Status Indicator

Each advisory opened for the sampling location has a status indicator. Active means the advisory is still active, and no End Date is selected. Complete is defined as the advisory with a defined End Date



Issue an Advisory from the Sampling Location Profile

To issue an advisory to the selected Sampling Location, simply click on the "Issue Advisory" button. The station location will be filled automatically.



Edit Advisory from the Sampling Location Profile

To edit an advisory from the selected Sampling Location, simply click on the "Status" of the advisory to view the advisory details. Click on the "Edit" button to edit the advisory.



Add a New Advisory

To add a new advisory, navigate to **Data > Add Advisory**



Fill in all of the required fields, and click "Add" to save the advisory.

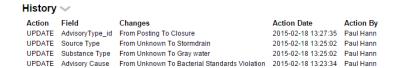
View Advisory History

To view all historical revisions to an advisory, navigate to **Manage** > select either **Advisory of Closure**. Click on the **"Station Name"**, and the Advisory Profile will be presented.

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Under the "History" panel, all revisions made to the advisory are listed.



Another way to view the "Advisory Profile" is from the "Station Profile" screen. Navigate to the "Home", and click on a Sampling Location desired. In the Advisory Panel, click on the Status of the advisory.

View Advisory Comments

To view all comments associated with the advisory, navigate to **Manage** > select either **Advisory** or **Closure.** Click on the **"Station Name"**, and the Advisory Profile will be presented.

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Under the "Comment" panel, all comments are displayed. These comments can be edited or deleted by the person who created the comment.



Add Advisory Comments

To add a new comment to the Advisory, simple click on the "New Comment" button



Edit Advisory Comments

To edit an advisory comment, simple click on the "Edit" link. The system will validate the creator of the comment. Only comments added by the user logged in can be edited.



Delete Advisory Comments

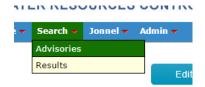
To delete an advisory comment, simple click on the "**Delete**" link. The system will validate the creator of the comment. Only comments added by the user logged in can be deleted.



Search for Datasets

Search for Most Recent Advisories

Navigate to **Search > Advisories**



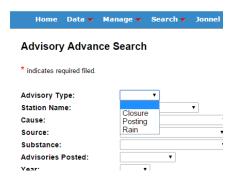
Search by Station Name

By selecting a Station Name from the drop down menu, all advisories associated with the Station can be retrieved, including historical data.



Search by Advisory Type

By selecting an advisory type from the drop down menu, all results associated with the Station can be retrieved, including historical data.



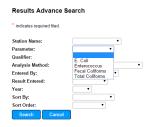
Search for Most Recent Sample Results

Navigate to **Search > Advisories**

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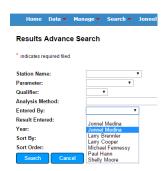


Search by Parameter



By selecting a parameter from the drop down menu, all results for the parameter selected can be retrieved, including historical data.

Search by Samples entered by a User in the County



Results entered by a user can be retrieved by selecting the name of the user who entered the results from the drop down menu. All results entered by the user selected will be displayed, including historical data.

Search by Station Name



By Selecting a Station Name from the drop down menu, all results associated with the Station can be retrieved, including historical data.

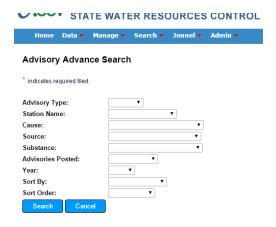
Export Datasets

Export Advisory Data

Navigate to **Search > Advisories** from the navigation bar.



Define a search criteria, based on several options provided on the screen.



Each search result is exportable to Microsoft Excel. Simply create your search criteria and click "Search". As soon as the data is displayed, click on "Export to Excel" to save the search criteria into an .xls file that can be viewed using Microsoft Excel.

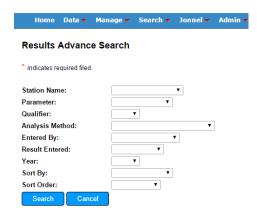


Export Results Data

Navigate to **Search > Results** from the navigation bar.

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